

*There are so many things that
conjure up emotion...
The softness of dirt in Spring...
Clouds in the Summer sky...
The smell of the Autumn wind...
The sound of raindrops on a silk umbrella...
The chill in the air on the way home
from school...
The scent of the chalkboard eraser...
The sound of a distant truck driving away
in the night...
Or the safe and comforting feel of a
cassette player late at night...*

*I just wanted to share all these feelings with you...
For the rest of my life.*





Hoshi no Koe

Chapter 1.

The voice of a distant star



RETURN...

10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1



ARE TRAVEL
FARTHER AND
FARTHER AWAY
FROM YOU...

10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1

MY MESSAGES
TAKE LONGER AND
LONGER...

IT'S GOING
TO TAKE SO
LONG...

...TO REACH
YOU...

MY
WORLD...

THE
OFFICERS'
MESSAGES
HAVE
PRIORITY...

AFTER ALL

I'M JUST
SENDING
PROGRAM
MESSAGES...



SG STARTING TO FADE AWAY





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a distant star**

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"IT'S WINTER THERE NOW, RIGHT? I
HOPE YOU'RE KEEPING WARM."



"YOU KNOW, EVEN NOW YOU'RE
PRESSING YOURSELF! YOU ALWAYS
WENT TO EXTREMES."



"ARE YOU STILL STUDYING
FOR YOUR ENTRANCE EXAM?
HOW IS THAT GOING?"



"I DON'T KNOW HOW
HE GOT HERE
YESTERDAY."





"AND GOOD LUCK
TO YOU TOO,
NOBODU..."



"I START
TRAINING
FOR REAL
TOMORROW
WITH MY
LUCK!"



"I
SURE
IT'S
TRUE--WE
REALLY
DREN'T
ALONE IN
THE GOLD
SYSTEM."



SHE SAW
THIS WITH
HER OWN
EYES...

TARSIAN



...THE TARS-AN RUINS."



"THEY'RE SO
MUCH BIGGER
THAN I EVER
IMAGINED
WHAT THEY
TAUGHT IN
SCHOOL--
WASN'T EVEN
CLOSE!"



AND THANKS
TO WHAT WE'VE
FOUND, MANNING
HAS ALREADY MADE
INCREDIBLE LEAPS
IN TECHNOLOGY--
FASTER-TRAN-
SLIGHT TRAVEL, FOR
EXAMPLE--AND SO
THE INVESTIGATION
CONTINUES.

IT STARTED
WHEN THE
MISSION
DISCOVERED
ALIEN BODIES
IN THE TARSIS
PLANETS ON
MARS. THEY
IMMEDIATELY
BEGAN A
STUDY.

EVER SINCE
1984, WHEN THE
FIRST MANNED
MISSION TO MARS
DISCOVERED
THE EXISTENCE
OF EXTRA-
TERRESTRIAL
BEINGS--
...THE ENTIRE
WORLD HAS
JOINED
FORCES TO
TACKLE THE
PROBLEM.

BUT THE
MISSION
CONTINUES,
FOR THE
BENEFIT OF
MANKIND...

BUT NOW...

WERE ALL
KILLED BY THE
HYSTERICUS
ALIENS WE
NOW CALL
"TARSIANS"

UNFORTU-
NATELY,
THE FIRST
TEAM...

IN FACT,
SOMEONE
FROM
THIS VERY
CLASS--

...WE AREN'T EVEN ON THE SAME PLANET.





I HEARD THAT THE U.S. SPACE FORCE HAS SOME COMPUTER PROGRAM THAT JUST SELECTS PEOPLE FOR EACH MISSION AT RANDOM.



MAYBE MIKARD IS LUCKY. SCHOOL JOE - LIFE CAN BE SO BORING -





BUT STILL...

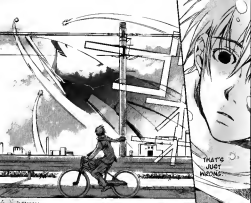


THEN AGAIN, HOWARD'S REALLY
SMART--AND HE'S GOOD AT SPORTS
MAYBE IT WON'T SO RANDOM



SHE'S JUST 16 YEARS OLD!

IT'S TOO
WEIRD!



THAT'S
JUST
WRECK.



IT'S
CHARGER
THAN THE
LYSTINEA
MAYBE
IT'S A
NEW
ONE---

A
SPACESHIP?

LOOK NOBORU! A SPACESHIP!





SEE?



IT'S
RUGBY!



THE
LYGITHES

THAT'S
THE U.N.
SPACE
FORCE'S
NEW FLAG-
SHIP...



I WONDER
WHO WILL
END UP ON
IT.. MAYBE
SOMEONE
FROM THIS
TOWN,
EVEN.



I WONDER
IF THEY'VE
PICKED THE
CREW YET.



IT'S FOR
THE 3RD
TARSIAN
MISSION,
RIGHT?



HEY,
LET'S GO
TO THE
STORE!

















I'M
GOING
TO FLY
ONE OF
THOSE.



AH, I SEE
YOU HAVEN'T
CHOSEN
ANY BACKUP
SCHOOLS.
HMM...



WELL,
WITH YOUR
GRADES I
SUPPOSE
YOU DON'T
HAVE MUCH
TO WORRY
ABOUT!



GO
JYOHOKU
HIGH SCHOOL
IS STILL YOUR
FIRST CHOICE,
EH?



MIKAKO
...



SHE WAS
STUDYING
FOR IT EVEN
HARDER
THAN ME.

MIKAKO
ALWAYS
WANTED
TO GO TO
JYOHOKU
HIGH.



HMP?



UM...
IT'S
JUST...



SHE WAS
WORKING
SO HARD TO
GET INTO
JYONOKU



I THINK
WHAT
THEY
DID TO
HER WAS
UNFAIR!

IF THEY
WERE GOING
TO SEND
HER OFF
INTO SPACE,
WHY DIDN'T
THEY GIVE
HER SOME
WARNING?

IF SHE'D
KNOWN SHE
WAS GOING
TO HAVE TO
LEAVE...

HOW DOES IT FEEL, ?



...SHE
WOULDN'T HAVE
HAD TO BOTHER
WITH ALL THAT



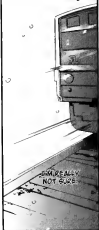
I'M NOT
TOTALLY
CLEAR, BUT I
BELIEVE SHE
WAS NOTIFIED
A LONG TIME
AGO.

MOST
SOMEONE
SO AHEAD
AND JOIN
THE MISSION
AS SOON AS
THEY'RE TOLD,
BUT THEY
DON'T HAVE
TO--



AH...

BUT HIGG
HAS ALREADY
KNOWN THAT
SHE WAS
LEAVING



AM REALLY
NOT SURE.



WHEN DO
THE RING
STOP?

THEY'RE
ALLOWED TO
DO WHATEVER
THEY WANT
WHILE THEY'RE
WAITING. MISS
NAGAMINE
WANTED
TO KEEP
STUDYING. I
ADMIT, IT'S
SOMEWHAT
UNUSUAL...



BUT YOU ALL
MUST HAVE TAKEN
THE MANDATORY
SCREENING TESTS
WHEN YOU WERE
PRETTY YOUNG



SEVEN YEARS
AGO, WHEN
THE TARGISH
PROJECT WAS
FIRST BEING
PLANNED.

I WONDER IF
THEY TOLD
MR. JACK
THAT?





HOW DOES IT FEEL
TO FOLLOW A PATH
THAT'S BEEN CHOSEN
FOR YOU...?



HEY, YOU'RE GO
GOOD AT SPORTS!



HEY,
NOBODY---
HAVE
YOU EVER
WANTED
TO SEE A
TARIAN?



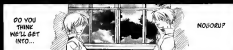
YOU
SHOULD
STICK
WITH THE
ATHLETIC
CLUB

EVEN
IN HIGH
SCHOOL?



—I DON'T THINK
I WANT TO.

'CAUSE



DO YOU
THINK
WE'LL GET
INTO...

NOBODY?



...THE
SAME
HIGH
SCHOOL?



WHAT
AM I
THINKING?

HOW CAN
I SAY
SHE'S
"LUCKY"?





"NOTHING
NEW IS GOING
ON HERE."

TARGET
CONFIRMED.



THINK
YOU'VE GOT IT TO
PLAY A TRICKY ONE?"

"IT'S JUST THE SAME
OLD, SAME OLD EVERY
SINGLE DAY."

"I HOPE YOU'RE NOT
PRACTICING TOO HARD...LIKE
YOU ALWAYS DO..."



GOT
YOU.



"OH,
YEAH!"

"THE FIRST SNOW
OF THE WINTER"
FELL TODAY."





"IT LOOKS LIKE..."



"TODAY'S
TRAINING
SESSION IS
COMPLETE."

TODAY'S
TRAINING
SESSION IS
COMPLETE.



UNITS 1
THROUGH
8, PLEASE
REPORT TO THE
EAST WING.
REPEAT--



"HE SHOULD
BOTH GO..."



"LET'S GO TO
THE GAME HIGH
SCHOOL..."



BUT THE
NEXT SPRING...



OKAY



...MIKAKO DIDN'T RETURN
AND I ENTERED JYOHOKU
HIGH ALONE...

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to what distance would you go for your
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in a future filled with a boundless
potential for interstellar peace and
prosperity, mikako joins a research
team to explore the recent contact
between humans and alien races. she
ventures out into space, leaving behind
saboru, the one young man she loves.
as she travels deeper into this new
frontier, her only connection with her
boyfriend is through cell-phone text
messages sent the years pass, and
mikako barely ages in the timelessness
of space—while saboru grows older and
considers moving on with his life...

in this timeless romance between
star-crossed lovers is the most tragic
of settings, there are some places men
may not be ready to go.

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2047 AD. Spring.



IS NOSOKU
STILL AT
KENDO
PRACTICE?

JYOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL



BUT HE
WAS REALLY
INTO STUFF
LIKE THAT
IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL.

NO
IDEE

THAT
CLUB...

THEY'RE
GO STRONG!
WHY DID
HE JOIN,
ANYWAY?





A HALF
A YEAR
HAS
PASSED
SINCE
MIKAKO
WENT
AWAY

CHECK OUT
THIS GOOSE
MATCH!

MAN, THE
GENIE
MEMBER
ARE HARD
ON YOU.

I'M GONNA
GO DOWN
AND GET A
GOOA

Come out

Get

WHEN THE TARDIAN PROJECT WAS FIRST
ANNOUNCED, IT WAS ALL ANYONE COULD
THINK ABOUT. BUT NO ONE SEEMS TO EVEN
MENTION IT THESE DAYS.

EVEN THOUGH I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW, NOTHING HAS
CHANGED AT ALL. EVERYTHING IS STILL THE
SAME. DAY AFTER BOOING DAY.



...WHEN I
GET MIKAKO'S
MESSAGES,
THEY FEEL
GO...REMOVED
FROM MY
LIFE NOW.



MAYBE
THAT'S
WHO.



SHE FINISHED HER
TRAINING AT LAST, AND
WAS MADE A CREW MEMBER
OF THE LYCOTHEA



TOMORROW
SHE
LEAVES
HARD FOR
EUROPA
BASE...ON
JUPITER.

WONDER WHEN...

WHEN DID I STOP ASKING HER IF SHE WAS EVER COMING BACK?

OH!

RM?

Hey









I NEVER
GOT THE
CHANCE

I NEVER
TOLD HER
THE TRUTH
ABOUT
THAT.







I SAW HER
TRAINING.
HER SCORES
AT MARS BASE
WERE PRETTY
IMPRESSIVE

HIKAKO
NAGAMINE?
THE ONE
WHO'S BEEN
ASSIGNED
TO THE
LYSTHEAS?

THERE'S
A LOT
OF TALK
ABOUT THAT
GIRL...



BUT HER
LACK OF
EXPERIENCE
WOULD BE
A CHALLENGE
FOR HER - IS SHE
REALLY UP
TO IT?

WHO
KNOWS?



...THEY'RE
VERY
IMPORTANT
TO THE
LYGITHIA.

IT'S A
SMALL
GROUP,
BUT...



IF
YOU NEED
TO KNOW ANY-
THING ELSE, ASK
YOUR CAPTAIN,
HINA



YOU'LL BE
JOINING THE
8TH BRIGADE--
IT'S PRETTY
SMALL, JUST
SIX TRACERS.

SO, ON THE
LYGITHIA,
THERE ARE
72 TRACERS
IN ALL.





I'M UP
HERE!



HANG ON,
I'LL BE RIGHT
DOWN.



MIWA?
WHERE
ARE
YOU?

I'VE GOT
YOUR NEW
GIRL....





I DIDN'T
THINK I'D BE
STAYING...

UM,
YES.



IS THAT
ALL YOU
BOUGHT?

IT'S NOT
MUCH, IS
IT?



EVERYONE
WAS
IMPRESSED.



I DON'T THINK
ANYONE HAS
EVER GOTTEN
A SCORE LIKE
YOURS IN
SUCH A SHORT
PERIOD OF
TIME...

I WAS
WATCHING
YOUR LAST
TRAINING
DRILL ON
MARS.



UM...

TELL
ME, WHAT
DO YOU
THINK—
ABOUT
THE
PROJECT?



THANKS



I DON'T MIND
IF YOU'RE
EXCITED
ABOUT THE
ADVENTURE.

IF WE
SUCCEED,
WE'LL BE
MEETING TO ALL
MEETING. BUT
IF WE DON'T
WIN, WE'LL
JUST BE MORE
DISAPPOINTED
FATHERS.

BUT IF
YOU HAVE
ANY DOUBTS
ABOUT OUR
MISSION



I JUST DON'T
WANT YOU TO
FEEL YOU HAVE
TO PILOT THE
TRACER.



OH,
N-NO...

HEY,
IS THAT
YOUR BOY-
FRIEND?



A SPECIAL
FRIEND...

JUST A
FRIEND.



IT'S
OKAY.

OH.

I'M
SORRY
...



ME?

I DON'T
REALLY
REMEMBER

BUT YOU KNOW,
THERE ISN'T MUCH
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN MY LIFE
HERE AND MY LIFE
BACK ON EARTH



CAPTAIN?
WHY DID YOU
JOIN THE
MISSION?



I THINK IT'S
SOMETHING YOU
NEED TO DECIDE
FOR YOURSELF--
THIS PROJECT
IS REALLY
COMPLICATED

BUT

AND ON THE
LYRITHIA, I
MIGHT NOT KNOW
WHAT'S IN STORE
FOR ME, BUT
AT LEAST I'M
COMBINATING
SOMETHING--

NO MATTER
HOWED I
AM, I'M
STEADFAST
TO LIVE



SO TRY AND
FIGURE OUT
WHETHER YOU
CAN EMERGE THE
COUNTRY THAT'S
UNFOUNDED
BEFORE YOU

WE DON'T REALLY
HAVE MUCH TIME
TO COMPLETE OUR
MISSION-- AND
THERE'S NO ONE
ELSE THAT CAN
DO OUR JOB





"SO YOU BECAME PART OF
THE LYSTERIA'S CREW?
CONGRATULATIONS! THAT'S
PRETTY NICE!"

MINA
...CAN
I TRY
FLYING THE
TRUCK
FOR A
LITTLE
WHILE?

"THERE'S SOMETHING I
WANTED TO TELL YOU..."

"YOU KNOW THAT BARRETT
THAT YOU LOVED SO MUCH?"



"THE TRUTH IS... I
COULDN'T FIX IT AFTER
ALL, SO I FOUND ONE
JUST LIKE IT AND
BOUGHT IT FOR YOU."

"HELLO,
MILK-BOY!"

"I'M SORRY
I LIED ABOUT
IT."

OKAY!

YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE ANY
TROUBLE
HANDLING
IT...

EVERYTHING'S
GET UP LIKE
THE ONE YOU
TRAINED ON.

...WAS HARD AND
COMPLICATED...

By
Kyo

EXTRA
STORY
EPILOGUE
SCHOOL
BUSTLE...

MY BRAIN
HURTS JUST
THINKING
ABOUT IT.

TRYING TO
DETERMINE
WHETHER THE
CONTENT OF
THE TARIKING
IS GOOD OR
BAD FOR
MANKIND?



HAND ME
A TOWEL,
PLEASE?



MIKAKO!



HUH?



QUICK!



GLANK

HERE...



IF ANYTHING BAD HAPPENED



I WOULDN'T WANT MY WORLD--THE WORLD I LIVED IN--TO BE
DELETED TOO.





...IT JUST
SEEMED TO
ME LIKE IT
WAS PART OF
A TV SHOW.

UNTIL NOW,
WHENEVER
ANYTHING BAD
HAPPENED
SOMEWHERE
ELSE.



I GUESS IT
WAS GELFING
THINKING.



IF
SOMETHING
DIDN'T
AFFECT ME
DIRECTLY, I
DIDN'T WANT
TO WORRY
ABOUT IT.







"NOBODY ..
I KNOW
ABOUT THE
SABOTEUR."



"GUY THANKS FOR TELLING
ME."

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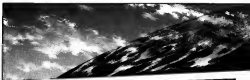




"NOW THAT MY TRAINING ON
MARS IS ALL FINISHED, I'M
STATIONED FULL-TIME AT
EUROPA BASE ON JUPITER."

"HI, NOSOKU
HOW ARE YOU?"





"STORIES SAY THEM OF
REACHING THE CLOUDS
OF OUR TEE..."



"I'M GUESS YOU KNOW ITS THE
LARGEST PLANET IN THE SOLAR
SYSTEM, WITH LOTS OF MOONS. THE
SCENERY HERE IS VERY STRANGE"





"I WISH YOU COULD
SEE IT WITH ME."



"I'M STARTING TO GET USED TO
LIFE ON THE LYSGITHEA."



"YOU WERE ALWAYS
GREAT AT KENDO."



"I HEARD
THAT YOU JOINED
THE HIGH SCHOOL
KENDO CLUB."



ARE YOU
WRITING
EARTH?



UM...

YES

I'VE FINALLY MADE
A FRIEND HERE.

IT'S LIKE
SENDING
REGULAR
MAIL BACK
IN THE 20TH
CENTURY!

IT'S
TAKING SO
LONG FOR OUR
MESSAGES
TO GET BACK
THERE NOW,
ISN'T IT?









COME ON!



WHAT?

WE'VE GOT
TIME BEFORE
THE NEXT
LECTURE.



.....







I HAD
ALWAYS
WANTED
THAT MIDDLE
SCHOOL
STUDENT
COULD'VE
DONE, BUT

IT'S
ACTUALLY A
CLIP-ON!

I'VE
NEVER WORN
A NECKTIE
BEFORE!

YUP,
TOTALLY
FAKE.



DOES IT FIT
YOU OKAY?



IT FITS
FINE.





HOWEVER,
THE RECENTLY
DISCOVERED TASSIAN
"SHORTCUT-ANCHOR"
APPEARS TO SPAN
APPROXIMATELY 8
LIGHT-YEARS.

AND SO,
INCLUDING
THE LYDTHIA,
ALL U.N. SPACE
FORCE VESSELS
CAN HARP INTO
HYPERSPACE IN
JUMPS OF 16
LIGHT-YEARS.



OUR LONG-TERM
GOAL IS NOT JUST
TO TRACE DOWN THE
TASSIANS TO THE ORIGIN,
BUT ALSO TO MAP THE
HARP GATES THEY'VE
LEFT BEHIND.

I SURGE
WE TOOK
TOO LONG

OH NO, HE'S
ALREADY
STARTED!



IT IS
ONE OF ONLY
A FEW HARP
GATES WE
HAVE MAPPED
SO FAR.





IT
DOES!



IT FEELS
LIKE I'M BACK IN
SCHOOL AGAIN,
TRYING TO SNEAK
INTO CLASS
LATE ..



WEE
WEE.

HUMP
WHAT?



PROBABLY,
YEAH.

HHMM.

DO YOU
THINK WE'LL
GET IN
TROUBLE?



MAYBE
IT'S FOR
THE BEST,
YOU
KNOW?

BUT...



TO BE
HONEST...

I THINK
I'M HAVING
TROUBLE REALLY
UNDERSTANDING
HOW SERIOUS
THIS ALL IS.



MAYBE
GETTING
A STEEN
LECTURE...
WILL
HELP US
GRASP THE
SERIOUS-
NESS OF OUR
SITUATION.



I KNOW WHAT WE'RE
DOING, BUT... I'M NOT
SURE HOW I SHOULD
FEEL ABOUT IT...



YEAH...
I FEEL
THE SAME
WAY.



LET'S
PLAY HOOKY
FOR THE
REST OF
THE DAY!



ME
TOO...



HEY,
SINCE WE'RE
ALREADY IN
TROUBLE
...



"NORON..."

"THE EVILNESS IS BEING SENT
TOWARDS PLUTO NOW"





"OUR MESSAGES ARE
GOING TO TAKE LONGER
AND LONGER."



"ONCE REACHING
OTHER SIDE OF THE
OCEAN AGAIN I THINK
IT'LL TAKE
MONTHS."



"IT'LL
BE OKAY,
RIGHT?"

"NOBODY....?"

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"BUT IT'LL
BE OKAY."

"IT'S LIKE
SENDING
REGULAR
MAIL BACK
IN THE 20TH
CENTURY!"

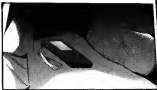


WHAT
DID SHE
MEAN,
"OKAY?"



100% 100%
 AND I
 GET TO
 100% 100%
 100% 100%
 100% 100%
 100% 100%
 100% 100%





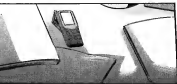
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MSG...



...MESSAGES.









ALL I
DO IS KEEP
CHECKING OVER
AND OVER FOR
ANYTHING FROM
MICHIGO.
BUT









HEY,
I MET
THIS GIRL
AT MY
SCHOOL'S
FESTIVAL

YOU
GOTTA
THINK
ABOUT THE
HIDE AND
HUNT!



BEHIND,
THEY WON'T
EVEN GET
WHERE
THEY'RE
GOING FOR
DECADES



IT'S NOT
LIKE IT'S
GOING TO
CHANGE OUR
LIVES ANY,
IS IT?

AND
ANYWAY,
WHATEVER
DOES
HAPPEN
OUT THERE



NOBORU?

WE'RE GONNA GET
TOGETHER WITH A BUNCH
OF PEOPLE THIS
AFTERNOON. DO YOU
WANNA COME?



HEY!

WAIT
UP!!

I FELT SO
SORRY FOR
MIKAKO AFTER
THAT.





NO NEW
MESSAGES











AFTER THAT...



SHE WAS WEARING A JYOHOKU UNIFORM!

DID YOU SEE HER?



HEY!

DID YOU SEE THAT GIRL?



YEAH.



POW...



HIKAKO

I DIDN'T
KNOW THAT
YOU CARED
ABOUT THINGS
LIKE THAT!



Ha
Ha
Ha

WELL I
AM A GIRL,
AREN'T I?



YOU'LL
GET TO
WEAR ONE
SOMEDAY!

DON'T
WORRY!





...I NEVER
KNEW...



THOSE
PROMISES...



...THOSE
PROMISES
WOULD BE
SO HARD TO
KEEP.

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SEE YOU
LATER.

NO...JUST
LEAVE IT ON
MY DESK,
OKAY?



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The return of a distant star



HE HAD
ALWAYS GO
ON GUARD
WITH
CHECKING
FOR TEST
MESSAGE

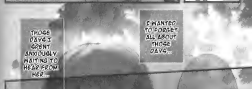
OH
WELL
MAYBE IT
HAD JUST
A FAD



HOW
STRANGE



MYSTERY
MESSAGE
CAME
FATHER AND
FATHER
AFTER



THOSE
DAYS I
COULD
ANNOYINGLY
WAITING TO
HEAR FROM
HER...

I WANTED
TO FORGET
ALL ABOUT
THOSE
DAYS...



WOW!







THEY'RE
FROM YOUR
COUNTRY?

WELL THAT
EXPLAINS
WHY WE'RE
GETTING
PEOPLE LIKE
THAT ...



... ISN'T IT
IN OUR BEST
INTEREST TO
HAVE AS MANY
DIFFERENT
TYPES OF
PEOPLE ON OUR
MISSION AS
POSSIBLE?

LOOK,
SINCE WE
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT THE
TAKAHARA ...



MINA.



I WAS
JUST
LETTING
THEM
KNOW
HOW THEY
SHOULD--

I KNOW
EXACTLY
WHAT KIND
OF BEHAVIOR
IS BEST

DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT.



OUR ENTIRE
MISSION IS
BASED ON
GUESSES AND
HYPOTHESES

I DON'T
THINK
YOU'RE
LISTENING.

WE'RE
ONLY ONE
OPTION THAT
MANKIND HAS
AGAINST THE
TARSIANS.

PEOPLE
LIKE YOU
AND I--

NOBODY
KNOWS
WHAT'S
BEST.

ALL RIGHT,
IT'S ALMOST
STANDBY
TIME.

I KNOW
IT'S BORING,
BUT PLEASE
GET READY.



WE'RE
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT...

MONA?



ON A
SHIP THIS
BIG...

...YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE MEETING
ALL KINDS OF
PEOPLE.



WHAT?

THAT
GUY?

OH PLEASE,
DON'T
WORRY.



THE PEOPLE WHO
LIVE STRICTLY BY THE
RULES ARE THE ONES
WHO FOLD WHEN THE
GOING GETS ROUGH.



PERSONALLY,
I'D BE HAPPIEST
IF YOU TWO
WENT ON GOING
WHATEVER YOU
WANTED.



HI, NOBODY! HOW
ARE YOU GOING?

I'M NEAR ZERO NOW
RODGE RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF
THE SOLAR SYSTEM



"IT'S REALLY LIVELY
HERE, WITH THE JUPITER
BELT SURROUNDING US
AND ALL."

"ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT WHAT
YOU MIGHT CALL 'LIVELY'
BACK ON EARTH."



OKAY,
HIKAKO!

I'LL GOO
YOU
LATER!



"BRING THIS CLOSE TO A
FLAME, MAKE SURE YOU
LOT OF FIRE THERE!"



"THE MASTER IS GOING
TO SAY 'BYE' TO YOU
TO SAY 'BYE' TO YOU."

BYE!



"IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE
ALREADY TRAVELED SO
FAR AWAY, BUT THE
LYGITHA..."



"...IS GOING TO KEEP
GOING FURTHER."



TARGIAN
CONFIRMED
13,500 MILBS
AHEAD.
NUMBER 13.



TRACER
UNITS 1
THROUGH
4, PREPARE
FOR TAKE-
OFF.

WHAT
-09

!

GOING
UP
UP





" AND MANY
COW MEMBERS
OUT HERE "

" ARE OBSESSED
WITH INVESTIGATING
THE TARDIUM "

" THE TARDIUM
IS A
MACHINE
OF
WAR "

" FOR NOW
MANY MEMBERS
WE HAVE TO
MOVE "



"BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE
THE DENSE ITS WORTH
WORTH IT..."



WHAT'S
THAT?!







TARSIANS
CONFIRMED
75,000
MILES AHEAD.
NUMBER:
20,000+.

ALL
VESSELS!
WARD ONE
LIGHT-YEAR
AHEAD!



UNIT 2,
RETURN
IMMEDIATELY!

DAMNIT!!

UNIT 2,
RETURN
IMMEDIATELY!



UNIT 3!!

"THERE'S NOTHING
THAT IS GOOD..."





I'M
HOME...



THAT'S
WHAT I'M
ALWAYS
THINKING
ABOUT



I
THOUGHT
YOU HAD
KENDO
TODAY.
WAS
PRACTICE
CANCELLED?



YOU'RE
HOME
EARLY?



I THINK
I'M GOING
TO QUIT...



BUT...
NOBODY?



WHAT? ARE
YOU SERIOUS?



YEAH...











NOW,
PLEASE
LEAVE THIS
AREA--
WE'RE
CHECKING
OUT THE
DAMAGED
UNITS RIGHT
NOW

IT'S NOT
SAFE FOR
YOU TO BE
HERE!



UM...
WHERE'S
UNIT 6?

UNIT 6 IS
MISSING IN
ACTION.



I JUST WANTED TO
FEEL NORMAL AGAIN.





AND SO
I STOPPED
WAITING
FOR
MIYAKO'S
MESSAGES
THAT DAY.

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...WILL
COMMENCE
WARPING
TOWARDS
THE SIRIUS
A AND B
SYSTEMS.

IN 48
HOURS, THE
LYCOTHEA...



TOTAL
DISTANCE
WILL BE
8 87 LIGHT
YEARS



SEND ALL
RELEVANT
MESSAGES
TO EARTH
NOW--



MINA...



HIKARU!

--BEFORE
HAPP
COMMENCE.



YOU CAN
TALK TO HER
HERE...

HERE.





MIKAKO?

IS IT
REALLY
YOU?



HIGA!



I
SEE
...

LUCKILY,
ANOTHER
SHIP PICKED
ME UP RIGHT
BEFORE THE
WARP...

I'M SORRY
YOU WERE
WORRIED,
MIKAKO...

I'M SO
HAPPY TO
SEE YOU...

I'VE
SEEN SO
WORRIED!

BUT...





EVEN
THOUGH
WE'LL BE
SEPARATED
BY ANOTHER
EIGHT
YEARS
...

...I'LL
NEVER
FORGET
ABOUT
YOU...

...MIKAKO.

SO DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT ME,
OKAY?

OKAY.



THANK
YOU...

WYBA



DIDN'T
YOU HEAR
ME CALLING
YOU?





SO...



EVERYONE
WAS TALKING
ABOUT HOW
IMPRESSIVE
YOU WERE.

BUT YOU
WERE
STICKING
WITH IT, AND
WORKING SO
HARD...



IT'S JUST
THAT THE
KENDO CLUB
IS FAMOUS
FOR HOW
STRICT IT
IS...



I LOST--

I LOST
SIGHT OF
WHAT I
WANT TO
DO WITH
MY LIFE.

THE
TRUTH
IS...

WHAT?



...LIKE
NOTHING MATTERS
ANYMORE.

I JUST
FEEL...





LISTEN,
I'M IN THE
ARCHERY CLUB

IT'S
REALLY LAID-
BACK, NOT
LIKE KENDO.



WHAT
YOU
MEAN

I
THINK I
KNOW



WHEN
YOU'RE
STRESSED,
YOU SHOULD
COME BLOW
OFF SOME
STEAM!

HAHMM...



GOOD! WELL,
I TURN OFF
HERE TO GET
HOME...

OKAY.



SERIOUSLY,
YOU SHOULD
COME AND
CHECK IT OUT
SOMETIME.

OKAY
MAYBE
I WILL





IT'S SO
LONELY
SINCE HIGA
LEFT...



HEY



...GETTING
FURTHER
AND
FURTHER
FROM THE
PAST--IN
TIME?

WHAT'S
IT LIKE...

MIWA?

YEAH?



DO YOU
EVER GET
USED TO
IT?

I HEARD
YOU'VE BEEN
INVOLVED WITH
THE PROJECT
SINCE THE
SECOND
MISSION

BUT...IT'S
PRETTY
SCARY.

AH. IT'S
EASY TO
FORGET
ABOUT IT
OUT HERE
SOMETIMES.

I JUST
COULDN'T
DO IT.

BUT I
WAS AFRAID
TO, BECAUSE
OF THE AGE
DIFFERENCE
FROM HAIKING.
GO...

THE TRUTH
IS--I HAD
MORE THAN
ONE CHANCE
TO GO BACK
HOME TO
EARTH.

STILL, I
DON'T
KNOW
THAT IT
BOthers

THAT
MAKES
ME FEEL
BETTER.

NO,
ACTUALLY

I
GUESS
THAT
MIGHT
MUCH
HELP

SORRY



EVERYONE
I ONCE KNOW--
THEY'RE BECOMING
STRANGERS.



HE'LL
BE OK--I
PROBABLY
WON'T
EVEN BE
AT GUNGS
ANYMORE.

I'M
BEING
LEFT
BEHIND.

I...



...FORGET
ABOUT
ME?

I WONDER...
IS HE GOING
TO...





ALL CREW
MEMBERS,
PREPARE FOR
WARP.

NOBOKU...



WARP
COMMENCING.



WILL HE
REALLY
FORGET
ME?



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THE
SEASONS
CHANGED
AGAIN...



NOBODY!



AND IT'S
SUMMER...



ARE YOU
READY TO
GO HOME?



I GAVE UP
LOOKING FOR
MIKAKO'S
MESSAGES...

YEAH.



IT'S BEEN
A WHOLE
YEAR.

...LAST
WINTER.



WHAT?

I'LL
PROBABLY
JUST GRADUATE
FROM SOME
CRAPPY COLLEGE
AND GET A
CRAPPY JOB.

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT
YOU
WANT
TO DO?

OUR
TEACHER
WAS
TRYING TO
US ABOUT
OUR CAREER
PLANS
TODAY.

—SINCE
THE LAST
MESSAGE
ARRIVED.





COME ON,
HICKORY!



YOU'RE
GOING TO
CATCH
COLD!



IS
SOMETHING
WROTE?

WHAT?
NO,
NOTHING



I'LL BE
FINE!



I'LL RACE
YOU TO THE
BUS STOP!





IT'S HARD
TO BELIEVE
THAT'S EXACTLY
HAPPENING,
ISN'T IT?



IT'S
LIKE A
MOVIE!



YOU ARE
SEEING THE
LATEST VIDEO
STREAM SENT
BACK BY
THE TARSIAN
MISSION.



IT'S
ALMOST
FORGOTTEN.

SOMEONE I
KNOW FROM
MIDDLE SCHOOL
IS ON THE
MISSION...



WOW!

THAT'S SO
COOL!

NO
WAY!
DID SHE
FLY A ROBOT
LIKE THAT?



SHE WAS
REALLY
JUST A
CLASSMATE.

AM...

I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU HAD
A FRIEND ON
THE MISSION.





SURE.



WOULD
YOU...

...LIKE TO
GO SOME-
WHERE
AFTER?



W--

SEE YOU
THEN.



WAIT!









SEE YOU
TOMORROW! AND
DON'T CATCH COLO.
OK&Y?



ANOTHER
MESSAGE?







IN HER
MESSAGE

SHE
TOLD ME
ALL ABOUT
HER FIRST
BATTLE



"FROM NOW ON, EVERY
MESSAGE I SEND YOU WILL
TAKE 8 YEARS AND 7 MONTHS
TO GET THERE..."

AND...



"HI, NOBORU! HOW
ARE THINGS?"

"AT THE TIME YOU GET
THIS MESSAGE, YOU
WILL BE NEAR SIXTY."

ABOUT THE
TARRIANS,
BEING
ON THE
LYTHIAS



"NO, NO!"

"IT SEEMS
LIKE..."

"...WE ARE
LOVERS...
SEPARATED
BY TIME AND
SPACE..."

"NOBUE, LET ME
TELL YOU A SECRET."



"BEFORE THE BATTLE, I
WAS HOPING THAT WE WOULDN'T
FIND ANYTHING."

"I WAS HOPING THAT WE
WOULD ALL BE ABLE TO
GO BACK HOME."



"I WANT TO
COME HOME."



"I WANT TO COME
HOME SO BADLY,
NOBUE."



"I WANT TO COME
HOME AND SEE YOU..."

"I WANT TO SEE
YOU, NOSORO..."

"I WANT TO
SEE YOU..."

MIKAO
ONE NEVER
GAVE UP
ON US



THE
MOMENT
I MET
ABOUT
ME.



MIKAKO
AND I...

WE ONLY THOUGHT
OF EACH OTHER, EVER
SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.



IT MIGHT
BE WELL
BE EIGHT
MILLION...

...DISTANCE
OF EIGHT
LIGHT-
YEARS...



TO THINK
THAT OUR
"TIME" IS NO
LONGER THE
GAME...

TO THINK
THAT I
WANTED TO
FORGET...



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YEAH, HE'S SWITCHING
TO A
TECHNICAL
SCHOOL...

NOBORU'S
GOING INTO
AERONAU-
TICS?



I HAD
GIVEN
UP ON
MYSELF.

I HAD
BEGUN TO
FEEL LIKE
I HAD NO
CHOICE IN
MY LIFE.

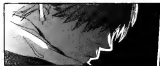


AND I
KNOW I MIGHT
NOT EVEN GET
TO SEE HER IF
I GET THERE...

I KNOW IT
MIGHT BE
TOO LATE...

I HAVE NO
IDEA HOW
LONG IT WILL
TAKE ME.

BUT YOU'RE
STILL GOING,
RIGHT?







NO-
BORU,
DID YOU
PACK YOUR
TOOTHBRUSH?

BUT IT
HASN'T
MELTED.

STOP
WORRYING,
MOM!



A FEW DAYS
AGO, THEY
ANNOUNCED
THAT A TRACHE
PILOT HAD BEEN
SENT BACK TO
BASEN, AFTER
BEING INJURED
IN BATTLE



YOU'RE
IN SUCH A
RUSH...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU'RE
MOVING INTO
A ROOM SO
SUDDENLY!
AND CHANGING
SCHOOLS...







"I KNOW
THIS MIGHT
BE COMING
A LITTLE
LATE, BUT..."

"HOW
ARE YOU
DOING?"



"...I'VE
DECIDED TO
LEAVE OUT
THIS SPACE
TOO!"









...WHO
CAME GO
EASILY...

MY BEST
FRIEND
HIKAKO...

THEY'RE
ALL SUCH
GOOD
PEOPLE IN
MY UNIT.

I WANT TO
DO WHAT-
EVER I CAN
TO HELP MY
FRIENDS OUT
THERE...

TO BE
NEAR
THEM IN
SOME
WAY.



SHE'LL
WORRY
ABOUT US
TO THE
END.

SHE'S GO
PRETTY...

MIWA,
WHO UNDER-
STOOD ME
THE BEST...



SO...



...IT
WAS BY
A TARIAN,
WAS IT? I
HEARD IT WAS
A MISTAKE--
FRIENDLY
FIRE--

WHEN
I WAS
HIT...

OH,
DOCTOR?



I KNOW SOME
PEOPLE SAY IT'S
JUST INSTINCT
TO BE AFRAID
OF ANYTHING
DIFFERENT.

BUT I FEEL
THAT SAYING
IT'S SELF-
DEFENSE
IT'S JUST AN
EXCUSE.



HUMANS
ARE SUCH
A CURIOUS
RACE...
BUT MAYBE
SOMETIMES
THEY WANT
TO KNOW TOO
MUCH.



BECAUSE
WHENEVER THEY
FIND ANYTHING
DIFFERENT FROM
THEMSELVES,
THEY WANT TO
FIGHT WITH
IT.



SOMETIMES I
WONDER IF THE
TARGIANS ARE
ACTUALLY IN
THE RIGHT...

AFTER ALL,
WE ARE THE
ONES WHO
STARTED
THIS FIGHT.



YES,
COME IN.

MINA?
ARE YOU
THERE?

INSTEAD
OF HUMANS
LEARNING TO
UNDERSTAND
THE TARDIANS.

IT MIGHT
BE EASIER
FOR THE
TARDIANS TO
UNDERSTAND
HUMANS.



I SWEAR
EVERYONE'S
JUST GETTING
BORED...



IT'S GOING
TO BE A WHILE
BEFORE WE REACH
ASHARTA, SO...
THEY'VE CALLED
ANOTHER
MEETING.



THERE'S
NOT MUCH
TO DO
THESE
DAYS...

PRO-
BABLY

AGAIN?!



YEAH...



MINAF

IS THAT
YOUR BOY-
FRIEND?



?





I WONDER
HOW OLD HE
IS NOW?

WELL, HE
HAD A LONG
TIME AGO...

AH...



BECAUSE
OF THE AGE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
YOU TWO
NOW?

IS THAT
WHY YOU
WERE
AFRAID TO
GO HOME?



IT DOESN'T
MATTER
ANYMORE
- AFTER ALL
- YOU ARE
ALREADY...



YES.
THAT'S
WHAT I
WANT
TO DO.



SO
YOU PLAN
TO WAIT FOR
THEIR RETURN,
NO MATTER
HOW LONG IT
TAKES?



BUT
IF YOU'RE
SATISFIED
WITH YOUR
DECISION,
I RESPECT
THAT.

HHH.
I CAN'T
IMAGINE
WHAT LIES
AHEAD OF
YOU...



WE CAN
NEVER SEE
WHAT LIES
AHEAD OF
US...

WE...

BUT
UNTIL
WE
MEET
AGAIN

...WE'VE ALL
DECIDED...



WE
GROW
UP--
EVER
IF IT'S
ON-OUR
OWN...

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ALL
UNITS,
CONTINUE
INVESTI-
GATION.

NO
EVIDENCE
HAS BEEN
FOUND OF
TARGIAN
PRESENCE
IN THIS
SYSTEM.

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The source of a distant star



"NOW
WE'RE ON
THE 4TH
PLANET OF
THE SIBUS
SYSTEM -
ASHARTA."



"SIBUS
SYSTEM WAS
DISCOVERED
BY AN ALIEN
ACTUALLY - SEE
IT WITH OUR
OWN EYES."



"SHANKING HAS
KNOWN SINCE
THE 20TH
CENTURY THAT
SIBUS HAD A
PLANETARY
SYSTEM..."





"AGARTS..."



WOW...



I WISH
I COULD
FEEL THE
RAIN ON MY
SKIN...



I WISH
I COULD
GO DOWN
TO THE
CONCRETE
STORE...



AND
THEN...

...AND
BUY
AN ICE
CREAM
...



...SEE
NOBORU



MIKAKO...









...IS
TO BE
WITH HIM
AGAIN.



DO I
CAN
TELL
HIM



...THAT
I LOVE
HIM



NOBORU...









IT LOOKS
LIKE ASHATA
IS THE LAST
ONE OF THE
LYRONS...



BACK TO
EARTH...



... IF WE FIND
SOMETHING
DEEPER
MAYBE WE
CAN ALSO
HOME

SHINY
WING
AND THE
WING
WING
WING







ENGAGE
ENEMY
IMMEDIATELY.



MULTIPLE
TARGIANS
DETECTED.





I JUST
WANT...



...TO TELL
HIM...



...THIS IS THE
16 YEAR OLD
HIKAKO...

TO THE 29
YEAR OLD
NOBORU...



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A FEW
HOURS
AFTER
OFFICIALLY
JOINING
THE SPACE
FORCE.

HE RECEIVED
NEWS THAT
THE LYATHES
HAD NEARLY
DESTROYED
BY A TARSIAN
ATTACK ON
AGHARTA..

NOBORU!



ARE YOU
CRAZY? YOU
KNOW IT'S
JUST SUICIDE,
DON'T YOU?

DID
YOU REALLY
APPLY FOR THE
MISSION?

YESH..





HA
HA.
THAT'S
TRUE...

THEY'RE
ONLY
SENDING
RESCUE
CREWS TO
PLEASE THE
PUBLIC.

I MEAN, THE
GRIPS THEY'RE
SENDING ARE
CRAP, AND THE
CREW--JUST
A BUNCH OF
OLD SEIZERS
ARE GOING!

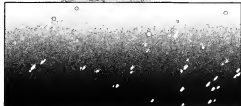
WHAT'S
SO FUNNY
ABOUT IT?

THINK
ABOUT IT.
EVEN IF
YOU'RE ABLE
TO GET TO
ASHARTA
SAFELY.

...WHO
KNOWS IF
THE LYSITHEA
WILL HAVE EVEN
SURVIVED?

A
MESSAGE?
BUT IT'S ALL
COVERED IN
STATIC..

WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THAT?





IT'S
STILL SO
BEAUTI-
FUL...



YEAH...



I'M
GLAD I
CAME

I
COULD
NEVER
HAVE SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE THIS ON
EARTH...



CAN YOU
HELP ME
OUT FOR
A BIT?



!



MIKAKO!



I'M
FINE. HOLD
THE LIGHT.
OKAY?

IS IT
ALL RIGHT
FOR YOU
TO BE UP,
MIKA?



WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN?

SO...



WELL,
IF WE'RE
LUCKY,
THIS
SHIP WILL
LAST
LONG
ENOUGH
FOR THE
RESCUE
SHIP TO
REACH
US.



THE
TABBIAN
CRAFT ARE
STILL BEING
STUDIED
AND
HOW THESE
ARE DISCOV-
ERIES OF THEIR
CULTURE AND
CIVILIZATION

YOU KNOW,
MICAHO--YOUR
EXPERIENCES
HAVE BEEN VERY
VALUABLE TO OUR
INVESTIGATION.



WE
WILL HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED
SOMETHING

EVERYTHING
THAT WE'VE
DONE IS
GOING TO
MEAN
SOMETHING

I HOPE
PEOPLE BEGIN
THINKING
DIFFERENTLY
ABOUT THE
TABBISANS
BECAUSE OF
ALL OF THIS



HISA!

..GUESS
WHOSE NAME
IS ON THE
LIST?



!



OH, I
ALMOST
FORGOT TO
TELL YOU...
DATA
CAME IN ON
THE RESCUE
CREW, AND...



ISN'T
THAT GREAT,
MIKAKO?

I HOPE
SHE DIDN'T
DO IT FOR MY
SAKE...

I HAD
HEARD THAT
SHE JOINED
BEHIND
CONTROL
BACK ON
EARTH



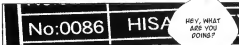
IT'S JUST
A LIST OF
NAMES...



CAN I GO
AND GET?

UM...
I..





HEY, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



I'LL...
TURN IT
OFF

...IN JUST A
SECOND...



HEY'S
TRYING TO
CONSERVE
ENERGY, YOU
KNOW...

AH
...



No:0076

NAGASAKI

No:0058

NOBORU T

0000

MAKI AIKA





"THE SOFTNESS OF
DIRT IN SPRING..."



"THERE ARE SO MANY
THINGS THAT SEEM TO
BE EMPTY..."



"CLOUDS IN THE
SUMMER SKY..."



"THE SOUND OF
THE AUTUMN WIND
THE SOUND OF RAIN
ON A GLEAMING..."



"THE CHILL IN THE AIR
ON THE WAY HOME
FROM SCHOOL."



"THE SOUND OF A
SILENT STORM
IN THE NIGHT."



"THE SCENT
OF THE
CHALKBOARD
FRAGRANCE."



"FOR THE SAFE AND
COMFORTING FEEL OF
A CONVENIENCE STORY
LATE AT NIGHT."



THOSE FEELINGS...



ALL THOSE
FEELINGS...



I WANT TO
FORGET ALL THOSE
FEELINGS...



"...BECAUSE
WE'RE DESTINED
TO MEET AGAIN."

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END

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"WE ARE..."

"...BOTH HERE..."



A sort of an afterword:

I would like to thank everyone for letting me have this experience

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